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In re Application of: GEERT MAERTENS	§	Group Art Unit: Unknown
and LIEVEN STUYVER	§	Examiner: Unknown
Serial No.: 08/836,075	§	Atty. Docket No.: INNS004/KAM
Filing date: April 21, 1997	§	
For: NEW SEQUENCES OF HEPATITIS C	§	
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REQUEST FOR REFUND OF HALF THE FILING FEE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a refund in the amount of \$2,331.00, this sum being half of the Large Entity filing fee. At the time the referenced application was filed on April 21, 1997, the undersigned attorney authorized Small Entity filing fees in the amount of \$2,371.00 to be charged to Arnold, White & Durkee's Deposit Account No. 01-2508/INNS004/KAM. However, total fees in the amount of \$4,702.00 were charged to the account on May 13, 1997. As a Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.9(f) and

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1.27(c) was submitted concurrent to filing on April 21, 1997, Applicants were improperly charged excess filing fees of \$2,331.00.

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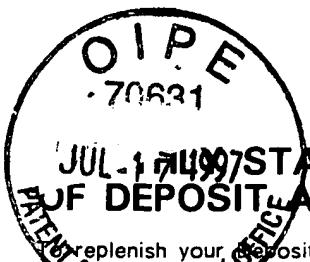
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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371  
AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as  a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),  an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

21 APR 1997  
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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371(C) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

3.  A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on \_\_\_\_\_ and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

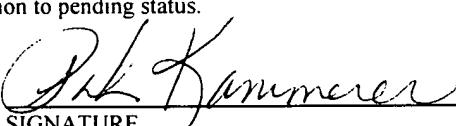
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The Article 19 amendments  have  have not been entered.
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- Preliminary amendment(s) filed 21 APR 1997 and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Assignment document.
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- Substitute specification filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
- Priority Document.
- Copy of the International Search Report  and copies of the references cited therein.
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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$ 910.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) ..... \$ 700.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (cu CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2))..... \$ 770.00  Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$1040.00  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4)..... \$ 96.00		CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
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Total Claims	106 - 20 =	86
Independent Claims	23 - 3 =	20
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$260.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS</b> =		\$4,662.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (NOTE: 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)		\$2,331.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property)		\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED</b> =		\$2,371.00
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<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>		
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